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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002 in which the period for response has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method of identifying a compound useful in the diagnosis or treatment of a human neutral sphingomyelinase related disorder, comprising contacting a candidate